

**APPENDIX A:**

**CLAIM AMENDMENTS**

Kindly amend claims 4 and 5 in accordance with the following instructions:

4.(Amended) An ink jet recording element according to [claim 1] claim 3 wherein said silica is an amorphous silica having an average particle size between 1  $\mu\text{m}$  and 15  $\mu\text{m}$ .

5.(Amended) An ink jet recording element according to claim 1 wherein said silanol modified polyvinyl alcohol has a silanol modification degree between 0.1% and 10% and a viscosity of [a 4% aqueous solution] between 1 and 25 mPa.s measured as a 4% aqueous solution.

APPENDIX B:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

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4. An ink jet recording element according to claim 3 wherein said silica is an amorphous silica having an average particle size between 1  $\mu\text{m}$  and 15  $\mu\text{m}$ .
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5. An ink jet recording element according to claim 1 wherein said silanol modified polyvinyl alcohol has a silanol modification degree between 0.1% and 10% and a viscosity of between 1 and 25 mPa.s measured as a 4% aqueous solution.
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